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AUTOMATICALLY AND
CONTINUOUSLY FORMING
ENVELOPES TO CONTAIN
FILTER BAGS FOR INFUSION
PRODUCTS
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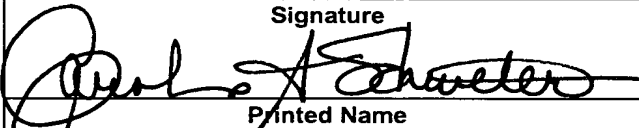

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